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Acquisition of a site for the Badagara Taluk Headquarters Hospital.

* 529 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to acquire a site for the Badagara Taluk Headquarters Hospital; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The proposal is under consideration."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Inasmuch as the persons interested in the land proposed to be acquired have already expressed their consent in writing, may I know why this acquisition process has been delayed for so long, especially when there is dire need for a new site for the hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In 1952, the Government sanctioned the acquisition of a plot, but there was opposition for the acquisition of this plot due to the existence of a temple nearby. So, the Director has submitted proposals for acquiring another plot of land which is considered suitable for the purpose. I hope there would be no objection for acquiring this land."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In view of the fact that sites are available at present close to the existing hospital and the owners are willing to cede them to the Government for the purpose of hospital extension, will Government immediately see that the *de facto* transfer is effected even though *de jure* transfer may take its own time? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already stated that the Director has submitted proposals for acquiring another plot of land and that there seems to be no objection to the acquisition of that plot."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether the persons concerned have expressed their willingness to surrender the land for the purpose? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government have received any proposal from the Badagara Panchayat Board in this connection? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A Committee has been formed for collecting funds for effecting certain improvements and the President of the Committee has agreed to pay the value of the land to be acquired."

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SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Mr. Kurup has been saying that consent has been given by the parties concerned. But the Hon. Minister said that there was objection. I would like to know from which party there was objection."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There was opposition for the first site that was proposed to be acquired."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" From whom? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" From the temple authorities."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" At any rate, now that the Hon. the Minister for Health has said that the owners are willing to give the site that is proposed to be acquired at present, will the Government immediately see that the site is taken over and construction started instead of following the usual dilatory procedure of drawing up proposals, preparation of plans and estimates, examination and scrutiny of these proposals and all that? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, the matter will be expedited."

List of posts kept outside the purview of the Madras Public Service Commission.

* 530 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of posts kept outside the purview of the Public Service Commission and to state the reasons for their exclusion from the scope of the Commission?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Chief Minister) :—" A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

The general principles observed in excluding posts from the Commission's purview are (1) that the posts are unimportant and the holders thereof will not normally secure promotion to the State Services and (2) that the posts are isolated or of a special or technical nature."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether the list placed on the table of the House is a final one or whether it is capable of alterations if and when circumstances demand? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is not a final one, Sir. As a matter of fact, the regulation is under review and is being changed. Proposals have been sent to the Commission also and their remarks have been obtained."

SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—" From the list placed on the table of the House, I find that item 18 relates to Commercial Tax Officers

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 186-193 infra.